

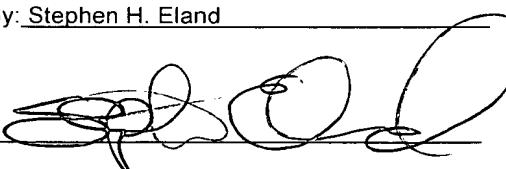


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 14-19, 33-40, 48-53 and 64-70.

Please add claims 71-83 as set forth below.

Claims 1-53 Canceled

54. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for processing a leading piece of mail having contents comprising one or more documents and a trailing piece of mail having contents comprising one or more documents, comprising:

an envelope opener operable to open the pieces of mail along at least one edge;

a feeder for feeding the pieces of mail to the envelope opener;

a thickness detector for detecting the thickness of the leading piece of mail;

a system controller operable to control the feeder to feed the trailing piece of mail in response to the detected thickness of the leading piece of mail to maintain the proper spacing between the leading piece of mail and the trailing piece of mail; and

an extractor operable to extract the contents from the opened pieces of mail;

55. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 54 wherein the thickness